



Tennessee Crop Weather

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HARVEST OF FALL CROPS CONTINUES

Tennessee farmers took advantage of the fall-like weather last week and made good progress harvesting row crops. With virtually the entire corn crop now mature, harvest is surpassing the normal progress pace by a few days. Two-thirds of the state’s cotton acreage has been defoliated with just over a tenth of the acreage harvested. Most of the wheat seeded to date is for silage or pasture. Tobacco growers also continued harvest with progress proceeding at the normal pace. Tobacco leaf stripping has begun on a very limited basis. Pastures and Cattle were rated in mostly fair-to-good condition.

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Temperatures averaged 2 to 6 degrees below normal across Tennessee last week. Rainfall averaged below normal over most of the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Harvested for Grain	83	67	96	77	Cattle	0	3	24	61	12
Cotton – Bolls Opening	86	76	97	90	Cotton	1	6	24	59	10
Cotton – Defoliated	67	43	94	67	Pastures	5	16	42	35	2
Cotton – Harvested	12	2	44	22	Soybeans	4	10	34	47	5
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	68	51	90	80						
Soybeans – Harvested	14	3	44	26						
Tobacco – Burley Harvested	85	75	89	86						
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	1	n/a	0	5						
Tobacco – Dark Air-Cured Harvested	97	91	100	97						
Tobacco – Dark Fire-Cured Harvested	90	85	91	90						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	10	4	9	8						

n/a = not available

County Agent Comments

“Last week’s rain surely helped Lauderdale County Farmers with late planted crops. Corn harvest is well underway, soybean harvest for early beans is just beginning and farmers are picking cotton in a few areas as well. Farming outlook with current prices is very positive.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“Rains received just as cotton harvest was to be started, delayed the beginning of harvest. Early yield reports are below expectations. Defoliation has been difficult due to weather conditions.”

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“Rains this weekend were needed but cotton producers probably wished it would have held off. Activities this week included soybean, corn and cotton harvest. Other activities were spraying cotton with defoliant. Yields are all over the board on the different crops harvested.”

Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County

“Pastures are green but still short, very weedy and lots of poor stands of grass. Cattle are in good shape. Corn is being harvested but no beans harvested. Reports are that yield varies widely. Most tobacco has been harvested but some tobacco, set late, is still to be harvested.”

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

“Farmers were busy this week planting pastures, trying to finish up on the corn harvest, and switching to soybeans. Cotton pickers got rolling this week.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Late-season hay harvest continues. However, light frost late in the week has delayed harvest of sorghum-sudan hay.”

John Wilson, Blount County

“We had a couple dusting frosts over the weekend but they did not seem to cause many problems with any crops still in the field. They were the first frosts of the year, Hello Fall!”

Steven Huff, Cocke County

“Fire ants are popping up everywhere. Horn flies have returned in full force. Some pink eye problems are reported.”

John J. Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: October 2, 2011 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 2, 2011				Current Week 10/02/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	89	47	66	-2	0.48	1	42.29	2.83	29.77	4.08
Brownsville_TN	89	42	65	-4	1.13	1	46.43	7.04	33.85	8.26
Covington	87	43	64	-4	1.11	1	46.97	8.32	35.28	10.31
Dyersburg	88	39	63	-6	1.08	1	39.61	2.03	26.44	1.68
Huntingdon_Wate	87	39	63	-4	1.23	1	47.02	6.96	32.71	6.41
Jackson_Exp_Stn	87	39	64	-4	0.49	1	46.03	6.81	34.19	8.25
Lexington_TN	86	41	63	-4	0.37	1	39.86	1.70	28.33	3.36
Martin	89	39	63	-3	1.56	1	51.74	12.08	35.29	8.87
Memphis_AG	89	42	66	-5	0.97	1	45.74	7.29	34.12	9.16
Milan	87	38	63	-3	1.00	1	54.69	13.70	40.74	13.37
Paris	86	39	62	-3	1.13	2	54.78	15.41	38.79	12.93
Savannah_6SW	86	38	65	-4	0.17	1	46.72	4.26	32.18	5.18
Selmer	87	36	64	-3	0.13	1	44.73	2.98	32.40	5.89
Union_City	86	39	62	-4	1.69	1	48.72	10.07	33.55	8.08
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	85	38	62	-4	1.88	2	54.76	16.79	40.35	16.03
Cookeville	80	36	61	-4	0.28	1	54.71	11.40	38.24	9.96
Crossville_AP	77	38	60	-2	0.19	1	46.77	4.55	32.12	4.92
Dickson_AG	83	38	60	-6	1.17	2	44.32	3.63	29.15	2.47
Dover_1W	84	41	62	-4	1.25	1	54.01	14.46	37.42	11.77
Fayetteville_TN	84	35	63	-3	0.09	2	50.65	10.18	33.97	8.78
Jamestown	78	33	58	-5	0.23	1	54.78	12.77	37.13	8.96
Kingston_Spring	85	37	62	-3	0.74	2	42.24	3.16	29.15	4.04
Lawrenceburg_Fl	84	39	63	-2	0.07	2	46.38	4.35	32.50	6.29
Lewisburg	85	35	62	-3	0.11	1	50.29	9.06	35.03	8.38
Linden	85	39	63	-3	0.43	2	44.34	2.74	31.50	4.89
Livingston_WLIV	81	36	61	-3	0.35	1	53.75	13.49	34.66	7.92
Murfreesboro_5N	83	38	62	-4	0.66	3	48.80	8.22	34.82	8.02
Nashville_Metro	84	40	64	-4	0.30	3	40.07	3.94	27.62	3.73
Oneida	78	37	59	-2	0.25	1	58.82	17.02	39.99	12.06
Portland_TN	83	39	63	-3	1.11	2	46.46	7.51	30.42	4.77
Pulaski_Water_P	83	34	61	-7	0.03	1	53.21	11.74	38.42	12.34
Shelbyville	83	38	62	-6	0.38	2	53.43	12.01	37.06	10.52
Sparta_TN	81	38	62	-3	0.16	1	52.97	11.18	37.29	10.07
Springfield	83	38	62	-3	0.68	2	46.67	9.22	32.40	7.82
Springhill	83	38	62	-4	0.28	3	38.92	-2.26	26.56	-0.01
Tulahoma	81	41	61	-6	0.21	1	46.43	3.88	32.40	5.82
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	83	44	66	-2	0.15	1	45.10	4.40	26.71	1.74
Cleveland_6NNE	81	42	63	-2	0.26	1	46.96	5.33	32.53	6.46
Dayton	80	41	62	-4	0.75	2	46.17	3.58	29.47	2.90
Erwin_1W	87	40	62	2	0.06	2	41.07	2.55	29.56	2.55
Gatlinburg_2SW	84	39	62	1	0.35	1	48.52	4.11	34.07	3.60
Greeneville	86	38	63	-2	0.11	2	36.59	2.96	25.97	3.03
Kingston_AG	81	40	64	0	0.89	1	47.08	2.77	30.63	2.40
Knoxville_AP	85	44	66	1	1.14	1	39.53	3.34	25.57	2.70
Newcomb	81	37	60	-2	0.33	1	48.57	6.77	34.06	6.13
Norris_4NE	79	38	61	-4	1.09	2	49.84	9.54	33.29	6.88
Tri-City_RGNL_A	87	45	64	2	0.11	3	36.08	4.08	23.33	1.70

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
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